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1. A T34 tank [REDACTED] entered the turn kaserne on 23 March 1950. Five soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying full pack squatted on the tank.
2. Five full-track prime movers towing 57-mm AT guns proceeded along Schlosstrasse toward the railroad underpass on 21 March 1950.
3. Six T34 tanks and trucks [REDACTED] were at the loading ramp of the freight station at 7 a.m. on 25 March 1950. The tanks were loaded with straw beds and baggage. About 10 soldiers were standing beside the tank (3).
4. a. A train of about 30 flatcars and 4 boxcars was seen heading toward Wittenberge on 26 March 1950. Except for five flatcars carrying four tanks and one truck, the flatcars were empty. Troops were seen in the open doors of the boxcars (1).
b. Two flatcars loaded with six motorized new field kitchens and one tractor were shunted at about 2:30 p.m.
5. A train of 7 passenger coaches and 11 boxcars occupied by officers and their families was heading toward Jueterbog on the Altes Lager-Jueterbog line on 27 March 1950. (10).

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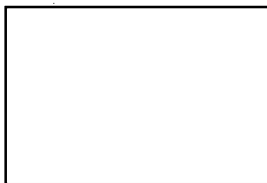
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6. Six trucks, each towing an AT gun of about 50 mm caliber and carrying 16 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, moved along Schlossstrasse toward the town on 28 March 1950. []

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7. A prime mover towing a gun of about 100 mm caliber passed through the Dammtor (gate) toward the town on 29 March 1950.

8. A convoy of about 20 empty trucks, moved from Jueterbog toward Altes Lager at 8:30 p.m. on 1 April 1950. []

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[] The same convoy was seen heading in the same direction at 8:30 p.m. on 2 April 1950.

9. A convoy of about 30 motor vehicles was observed in Schlosstrasse at 3:30 p.m. on 5 April 1950.

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six light armored reconnaissance cars [] two jeeps with mounted machine guns [], four amphibious cars, two armored vehicles with open-topped superstructures and two trucks towing steaming field kitchens were observed (7).

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10. a. The following motor convoy was observed in Schlosstrasse, heading toward Luckenwalderchaussee, at about 1 p.m. on 6 April 1950:

Two light armored reconnaissance cars []

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Two armored vehicles with one gun on each side of the driver's cab

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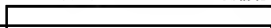


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All motor vehicles were occupied to capacity by troops with full pack (7).

b. One hundred and ninety trucks were observed in Schlosstrasse, going in both directions between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The trucks drove in groups of three or four. About 30 trucks were occupied by about 20 soldiers each. Most of the trucks were empty. Five trucks,  moved along Schlossstrasse at about 8 p.m.

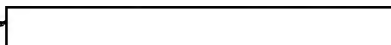
c. only few windows of the Hindersin Kaserne were illuminated. A barber and a charwoman said that the officers of the Hindersin Kaserne units have been billeted in the former Vierjahreszeiten officer billets but were out on a field exercise in an unidentified area.

11. A convoy of 80 motor vehicles, including 6 armored reconnaissance cars  6 armored vehicles with guns, 8 trucks towing 45-mm AT guns, 3 trucks towing 100 to 120-mm howitzers, 10 field kitchens and 6 trucks towing mortars of about 100 mm caliber, moved along Schlosstrasse at about 6:30 p.m. on 7 April 1950. The remaining trucks were each occupied by 10 to 16 troops carrying full equipment. All trucks had a light-green, rectangular field 

The doors of some trucks had the crossed-gun-barrel marking (7).

12. Four howitzers of 100 to 120 ^{mm} caliber and three guns of about 100 mm caliber with rectangular, perpendicular protective shield and rubber tires were unloaded at the Gruena loading ramp on 8 April 1950. All guns were new.

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13. A train for the transportation of Soviet dependents was assembled at the Darm airfield on 14 March 1950 (10).

14. A train carrying eight now, [redacted] was seen proceeding toward Lossen on 16 March 1950.

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15. Six tanks were unloaded by 30 soldiers wearing black epaulets at the freight station on 19 March 1950. The soldiers later left on two trucks heading toward Markendorf (5).

16. Six tanks with practice targets suspended from both sides were detrained on 20 March 1950 and left toward Markendorf (5).

17. Six T34 tanks coming from the Fuchsberg Kaserne, moved along the highway toward Luckenwalde on 22 March 1950 (6).

18. Reports of artillery pieces were heard from the Jueterbog range on 23 March 1950. Salvos were fired at intervals of about 5 minutes throughout the entire day. Single-engine aircraft flying low-level attacks were observed at about 7 a.m.

19. Six T34 tanks and four trucks, [redacted] were detrained at the freight station on 15 March 1950. About 15 officers, captains and senior lieutenants, were on each truck. All tanks had a white disk, about 15 cm in diameter, on their rear walls. Practice targets (black 1.5x2.5-meter tank dummies) were suspended from their sides (5).

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20. A train carrying four T34 tanks and two trucks moved toward Wittenberg at 12:20 a.m. on 26 March 1950 (1). Four T34 tanks, [redacted] and [redacted] and 4 officers and 30 [redacted] wearing red-bordered black

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epaulets with tank insignia were entrained at the freight station at about 1230 a.m. The tanks had come from the direction of Markendorf. The train left toward Wittenberg at 9:30 a.m. (1) six new field kitchens on flatcars were observed with a train passing through the passenger railroad station at 4 p.m., heading toward Wittenberg.

21. Six trucks occupied by troops and towing 76-mm guns moved through town at 3:30 p.m. on 27 March 1950 and proceeded toward Luckenwalde. Truck [REDACTED] was identified.

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22. Six T34 tanks left the Fuchsberg Kaserne at 9 a.m. on 29 March 1950 and returned to the barracks at 11 p.m. on 31 March 1950 (2) (6).

23. Eight tank dummies were unloaded by 14 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, supervised by an officer, at the freight station on 1 April 1950. The tank dummies were hauled to Altes Lager [REDACTED]

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24. Two T34 tanks, coming from the direction of Kloster Zinna, entered the Fuchsberg Kaserne at 3 p.m. on 2 April 1950 (2). Two T34 tanks, coming from the direction of Gruena, pulled up at the loading ramp of the Jueterbog railroad station at about 3:30 p.m. Apparently on orders, the tanks moved to the Gruena loading ramp where they were entrained. Two officers and twelve EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed with them.

25. Four T34 tanks left the Fuchsberg Kaserne at 3 p.m. on 3 April 1950, heading toward Luckenwalder Chaussee (6).

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26. Four tanks, including one with [REDACTED] were detrained at the freight station at 7:30 p.m. on 24 March 1950. About 20 soldiers were observed with the tanks (5).

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27. Four T34 tanks, [redacted] were entrained at the freight station at about 9:30 a.m. on 25 March 1950. The tanks had come from the direction of the town (1). Three rail-type rocket launchers with the motor vehicle [redacted] left the Turm Kaserne on 25 March 1950 and returned to the barracks at about 10 p.m. (2).

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28. six officers and 200 unarmed, about 20-year-old- [redacted] wearing black-bordered red epaulets and carrying suitcases, bundles and rucksacks, marched from the Turm Kaserne toward the Fuchsberge on 26 March 1950 (9). Five new, [redacted] trucks with special trailers for carrying one new caterpillar tractor each, proceeded toward Altes Lager at about 6 p.m.

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29. The following motor convoy left the Turm Kaserne at 4 p.m. on 30 March 1950 and headed toward Millionenbrücke:

[redacted] trucks, towing AT guns of about 40 mm caliber
truck, towing a steaming field kitchen
radio trucks with extended rod antenna
jeep, occupied by two officers (6)

30. A train carrying 12 tanks with six bogie wheels per side and turret [redacted] was on a classification track at the Gruena loading ramp at 3:30 p.m. on 2 April 1950 (8).

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31. A train of 12 coaches and 12 boxcars occupied by troops and four uniformed women was observed at 5:30 p.m. on 4 April 1950. [redacted] that tanks had been detrained at the Gruena ramp during the night of 4 April 1950 and left toward Verder (8).

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32. Thirty-five canvas-covered rail-type rocket launchers were in the yard of the agricultural school on 7 April 1950 (11). A train carrying 18 to 20 tanks arrived from the direction of Wittenberg at about 3:30 p.m. (8).
33. Two officers and fifty unarmed EM carrying suitcases and bundles marched from the railroad station to the Turm Kaserne at 1240 a.m. on 8 April 1950 (9).
34. Three officers and 45 unarmed EM carrying suitcases, bundles etc., were seen marching to the Turm Kaserne at about 1230 a.m. on 11, 12 and 13 April 1950. The EM allegedly were 35 years of age or older (9).
35. Six buses, occupied by officers and civilians, entered through the gate of the Turm Kaserne on 12 April 1950. Six columns of unarmed, 10 to 21-year-old troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, marched to the Turm Kaserne at about 4 p.m. They left the Turm Kaserne about 7:30 p.m. and went toward Fuchsberg Kaserne, Neues Lager and Altes Lager, some columns led by a military band (9).
36. Three trucks towing guns left the Turm Kaserne on 15 April 1950.
37. Two soldiers, apparently of the 1924 or 1925 class, said that they would be discharged after the Whitsun holidays (9).

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comment:

a. general

The numerous observations of motorized movements and detraining and entraining activities in the Jueterbog area indicate that the training activity in that area, particularly at the Herder-Markendorf troop training grounds, has increased since mid-March 1950. All component units of the Third Gds Pecz Army were in that area at that time.

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(1) and (2)

The observation of tank units returning to Wittenberg and motorized units returning to Jueterbog in March 1950 indicates that several units had been transferred to the Herder-Markendorf area for short field exercises or advanced combat firing practices during that period. The motorized columns

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and the troops detrained on a larger scale after the beginning of April 1950 may have belonged to units which went to the troop training grounds for prolonged summer exercises.

b. Details

(3) Probably a tank component of the 9th Necz Div going to Markendorf, according to motor

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(4) AT artillery unit of the 4th AT Arty Brig of the GCRG, probably going to or coming from a field exercise.

(5) Detraining of tank units, probably from the Wittenberg billeting area of the 6th Gds Tank Div, on 18,19,20 and 24 March 1950, with which 22 tanks were counted. Some of the units headed toward the Markendorf training area.

(6) Movements of tank and AAA units (Werder-Markendorf) on 22,29 March and 3 April 1950; motor of units of the 14th Gds Necz Div.

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(8) Tanks those observed with Wittenberg tank components of the 6th Gds Tank Div. Probably units of the 6th Gds Tank Div which were en route to the Werder-Markendorf troop training grounds (12).

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(9) Probably replacements or trained soldiers who were collected for shipment to the Soviet Union.

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Numerous reports indicated that a distribution point for replacements arriving from the East and a collecting point for troops due for discharged and Soviet families due for repatriation are in Jueterbog.

(10) The report again confirms the repeatedly reported departure of Soviet families from Jueterbog.

(11) The observation of rail-type rocket launchers in the agricultural school yard corresponds to previous information, according to which the ? No RL Bn of the 14th Gds Mecz Div is assumed to be stationed there.

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